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SUBJECT: COSTA RICA: UNGA VOTE ON DECEMBER 19

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On December 18, poloff discussed ref A talking points with Viviana Tinoco of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs UN Area Office. During Third Committee voting in November, Costa Rica rejected "no action" motions against country-specific human rights resolutions, but later abstained during the actual votes on all country-specific human rights resolutions (ref B). This was a reversal from their action in 2005, when they voted in favor of country-specific resolutions against Iran and Uzbekistan. The GOCR also abstained on the retaliatory motions targeted at the U.S. and Canada. Tinoco said she was unaware of any plans to change Costa Rica's abstention votes on country-specific resolutions when the general assembly meets to approve Third Committee resolutions and decisions this week.
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